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Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PACKAGING AND TRANSPORTING ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (As Amended)

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract with the following rewritten paragraph:

Abstract

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PACKAGING AND FOR TRANSPORTING
ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

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The invention relates to an apparatus and a method for packaging and for transporting electronic devices ~~(2), in which~~. The devices include coverings (6) made of a material that shrinks under the action of temperature that are pressed into receptacles ~~(43)~~ of a belt-type carrier body ~~(4)~~. Electronic devices (2) in each case being are inserted into the open front sides ~~(61)~~ of said coverings. A belt top side ~~(41)~~ and underside ~~(42)~~ are in each case closed off with a covering sheet ~~(52, 53)~~, after which the belt-type carrier body is heated.

~~{Figure 6}~~